

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

November 14, 2005

FISH & RICHARDSON PC P.O. BOX 1022 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440-1022 US

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 09840188 in the amount of \$1,739.00 has been denied :

Small entity status fee not refundable. The time has expired for the refund of this fee. A refund based on establishment of small entity status may only be obtained if a verified statement under 37 CFR 1.27 and a request for the refund of excess amount are filed within three months of timely payment of the full fee (37 CFR 1.28).

Sincerely,

ELEANOR KURTZ Technical Center Others 703 308-9010 x177